

# **Municipal Planning for Growth**

An overview of state and local planning tools

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**Utah's population projected  
to increase from 3 million to  
5.8 million by 2065**

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, Utah's Long-Term Demographic and Economic Projections Summary, July 2017.





# State and Local Authority

- **Statute**

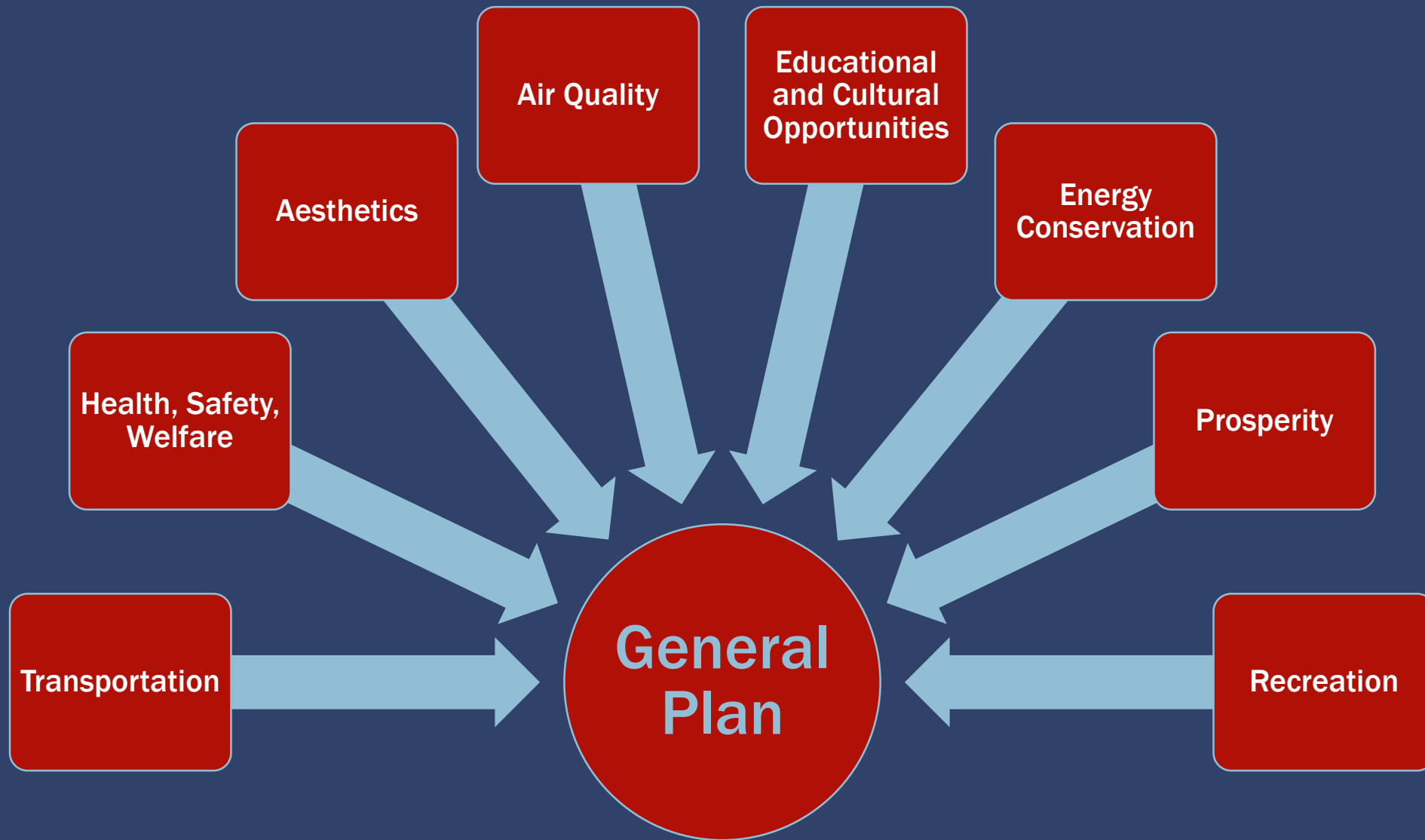
Municipal legislative body may pass all ordinances and rules, and make all regulations...as are necessary and proper to provide for the safety and preserve the health, and promote the prosperity, improve the morals, peace and good order, comfort, and convenience of the city and its inhabitants, and for the protection of property in the city (UCA 10-8-84)

- ***State v. Hutchinson***

- Local government granted general welfare power to pass ordinances reasonably related to providing for public safety, health, morals, and welfare
- State may limit or supersede a local government's exercise of power



# Planning Requirements







# Local Planning Tools

- Zoning map
- Ordinances
- Resolutions
- Easements
- Restrictive covenants
- Development agreements
- Interlocal agreements





# **State Resources for Rural Areas**

- **Division of Housing and Community Development**
- **Utah Department of Transportation**